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LRT plan falls a few steps back

Estimated completion date gets later ◐ Rideau Canal took less time to build: Coun. Rainer Bloess

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[illegible] won't begin construction until 2013 and won't see the train in operation until 2019 a city staff report said yesterday — news that alarmed a number of councillors and had some questioning the project's viability. "The amount of money we are getting from the upper-tier governments is fixed in 2009 dollars — $600 million each. The longer it takes the less money we have," said Coun. Diane Deans following the presentation of the staff report to the city's finance committee.

Deans said councillors had been told previously the project would see the light-rail plan operational by 2017 — the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

Coun. Marianne Wilkinson urged staff to find ways to expedite the project.

Mayor Jim Watson said Ottawa lost five years due to the cancellation of the last light-rail project by his predecessor. While council is anxious to get the project under way, keeping costs under control is important, he said. "Staff will come back from us in May with their assessment as to whether they can shave a year off. And if they can, that'd be great, as long as it's not going to cost us more," he said. "I'm not interested in moving it forward just for the 150th anniversary."

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"This is the biggest project in this city's history and council needs to be very cognizant of the money. At what point do we say this doesn't make sense any more? We have to be prepared to do that."
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Driver in fatal dump truck crash not charged

Police have decided not to lay charges against the driver of a dump truck involved in a fatal Feb. 16 collision with a pedestrian. A police spokesman said witnesses' accounts of the incident conflicted with each another. The noon-hour collision killed 64-year-old Roland Weise, a mailroom worker at the Gowlings law firm.

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Police seek suspect in bank theft

Police have released a photo of a bank bandit. They say they are looking for a black six-foot-tall man in his 20s suspected of robbing a Scotiabank on Ridgewood Avenue near Mooney's Bay on Monday at about 10 a.m. He had a thin build, a dark-coloured jacket and a red pullover sweater. Anyone with information should call police at 613-236-1222 ext. 5116, or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477.

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Emergency crews cap natural gas leak

A natural gas leak meant a rush-hour road closure in the south end of the city yesterday. Canyon Walk Drive was closed in both directions for about half an hour from North Bluff Drive to Goldeneye Way while emergency crews worked to contain the problem.

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▶ A mix of Grades 10, 11 and 12 students from Notre Dame High School led a workshop yesterday to talk to their peers about making the right choices about substance abuse, mental health and fitting in.

Summit gives youth a voice

Students discuss in-depth issues usually ignored in classroom ◐ Summit received $6,000 in funding from Catholic, public school boards and United Way

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Students took on the roles of teachers yesterday at the Confederation Conference Hall as they discussed with their peers issues such as stress, career paths and making good decisions.

The For Youth By Youth (FYBY) News summit included themed workshops hosted by students from four Ottawa high schools.

"I think that peer-to-peer education is the most important thing," said FYBY News founder Samira Ahmed.

"The idea is to give youth a voice in their education. What is it that's missing from education?" she said.

Notre Dame student Katie Maione helped lead the Sculpting Your Life workshop with her peers to talk about how to make the right choices.

"I hope they learn that there are people there who can help you make your choices and that you're never alone," the 18-year-old said.

She said the hardest decision she is faced with now is what career path to take after graduating high school.

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FYBY News

- FYBY News is a news outlet that produces and airs informative videos, created for youth by youth, within local high schools and community centres.
- Students from Notre Dame, Rideau, Longfields Davidson Heights and Holy Trinity high schools hosted workshops throughout the day yesterday for their peers.
- Student-made videos of their peers' perspectives on teen life will soon be made available on the FYBY News website and in school and city libraries.

City considers branding rights to boost revenue

City buildings could be stamped with corporate brands as part of a plan to squeeze an additional $3.7 million in annual revenue from advertising and corporate sponsorships by 2015.

The city's 2011-2015 marketing plan, approved by the finance and development committee yesterday, lists sales of naming rights to city facilities, program sponsorships and mailing inserts among the ways of raising extra money over the next five years.

$5M The city's annual income from sponsorships ($2.2 million) and advertising ($2.8 million, mostly from OC Transpo).

"I like that it's going to create income for the city," Coun. Marianne Wilkinson said, though she cautioned that the city would have to avoid luring sponsorship dollars away from non-profit organizations.

STEVE COLLINS

News in brief

Fat Cats may get fat rent bill from city

OTTAWA STADIUM. The city's finance and development committee yesterday recommended that council extend the Ottawa Stadium Group's lease at the Ottawa Stadium. The owners of the Ottawa Fat Cats baseball team, which had some financial troubles last year, would have to pay their entire $108,000 annual rent in advance by March 14.

STEVE COLLINS

Sledding hills in Greenbelt re-open

GREENBELT. The National Capital Commission re-opened its two toboggan hills within the Greenbelt yesterday at Conroy Pit on Conroy Road and Bruce Pit at Cedarview Road across from Bell High School.

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A remote Libyan town takes up arms amid fear of a military assault.

Pay translates into trouble for interpreters

Court specialists say they have been blacklisted for demanding higher rates Higher fees cheaper than paying for out-of-town freelancers, says interpreter

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▶ Manuel Costa

Some Ottawa court interpreters are starting to look for other work following a refusal by the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General to increase their hourly rate from $25 to $35 per hour.

Manuel Costa, an Ottawa interpreter, says those who are doing the same job as him in other provinces are being paid at much higher rates.

"The rates in Quebec and B.C. are $45 per hour. We're asking for $35 per hour, which is somewhere in between," said Costa.

On Feb. 18, he and other interpreters from the region announced their preferred new minimum rate, but the ministry has yet to budge, he said.

"I was shut off of four assignments last week," he said.

"Of course, in Ottawa they don't call me anymore. I've got four phone calls from out of town and I said I want $35 per hour, and they said no."

He suspects the ministry is trying to make do without many interpreters.

The ministry did not immediately respond to questions yesterday.

NAC Orchestra. An uptempo time

▶ Christopher Deacon, managing director of the National Arts Centre Orchestra, unveils the 2011-2012 season.

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Symphony of sound

The National Arts Centre Orchestra is tuning up for a packed 2011-2012 season — featuring classical concerts, pops concerts, kids' concerts, lunchtime concerts and Sunday-afternoon concerts. There are 51 separate events and 91 performances — not including programming in the NAC's Summer Music Institute.

Legion fears for injured veterans

Key pieces of legislation aimed at improving the lot of Canadian forces veterans injured in the line of duty could die on the order paper if the federal government does not expedite them, the dominion president of the Royal Canadian Legion is warning.

"The government of the day … has made several announcements and promises on Bill C-55 (new veterans charter), which has received first reading in the House of Commons but has not progressed to the committee level," Patricia Varga said in a letter sent to media outlets yesterday.

"These bills, however, may die on the order paper if an election is called and leave Canada's disabled veterans, their families and the Royal Canadian Legion without the legislation they all need."

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Ramping up relief in Libya

Canada's military aircraft have made trips into Libya to deliver supplies and rescue Canadian and other citizens

Canada will send a warship to Libya, adding to the international military buildup in the region, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday.

The Halifax-based frigate, HMCS Charlottetown, is expected to conduct as-yet-undefined humanitarian relief operations in conjunction with an American carrier battle group led by the nuclear-powered USS Enterprise.

Harper said the warship departs today.

"Our government's priority remains the safe evacuation of Canadians from Libya," said Jay Paxton, a spokesman for Defence Minister Peter MacKay.

"Our government's priority remains the safe evacuation of Canadians from Libya."
JAY PAXTON, A SPOKESMAN FOR DEFENCE MINISTER PETER MACKAY

News of the short-notice deployment came on the same day as a Canadian military Hercules transport, en route to pick up oil workers, was turned back from Libya.

The British have used one of their frigates to evacuate its citizens from the port city of Benghazi.

A spokesman for the Ottawa-based overseas headquarters confirmed an air force C-130J Hercules was waved off its mission yesterday about half way between Malta and the troubled north African nation.

The transport was headed into Tripoli.

The reason for the denial was due to a shortage of ramp space at Tripoli International Airport, said Maj. Andre Salloum, spokesman for Canadian Forces Expeditionary Command.

It's the latest in a string of setbacks for the Canadian evacuation effort.

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▶ The Canadian navy is sending HMCS Charlottetown, pictured above, to the waters off Libya, adding to the international military buildup in the region.

Crackdown

Since the revolt against Moammar Gadhafi's 41-year rule began two weeks ago, his regime has launched the harshest crackdown in the Arab world.

- Gadhafi has already lost control of the eastern half of the country. He still holds the capital Tripoli and other nearby cities.
- An exact death toll has been difficult to obtain in the chaos, but a medical committee in the eastern city of Benghazi, where the uprising began on Feb. 15, said at least 228 people had been killed, including 30 unidentified bodies and 1,932 injured.
- UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has cited reports that perhaps 1,000 have died amid the uprising and the government's violent crackdown on Gadhafi critics.
- The U.S. moved naval and air forces closer to Libya on Monday and said all options were open.

Attacks

REBELS HOLD ON

Residents of the rebel-held city closest to Libya's capital celebrated with a victory march yesterday after repelling an overnight attack by Moammar Gadhafi's forces. But troops loyal to the longtime leader clamped down on a strategic mountain town as they fought to reclaim areas near Tripoli, residents said.

Witnesses in Zawiya said pro-Gadhafi forces battled rebels for six hours overnight but could not retake control of the city 50 kilometres west of Tripoli. They said the last of several assaults by the Gadhafi loyalists came at around 3 a.m. local time.

Residents of Zawiya paraded through the city's main square. Some carried on their shoulders an air force colonel they said had just defected to the rebels' side.

"We were worried about air raids but that did not happen," said one resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

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Rogers taking fee battle to Supreme Court

The battle over whether broadcasters have the right to charge cable and satellite providers for carrying their programs is headed to the Supreme Court.

Rogers Communications Inc. said yesterday it plans to file for a leave to appeal with the top court over a decision this week by the Federal Court of Appeals.

That court ruled 2-1 that the CRTC had the right to establish a regime whereby broadcasters could attach a monetary value to their signals. The CRTC itself had referred the matter to the court as it announced its plans for embarking on the regime.

"The CRTC even acknowledged that it was a problem because they referred it directly to the courts without even rendering it to us."
PHIL LIND, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC.

But the fact the Federal Court of Appeals' decision was not unanimous made an appeal more attractive.

"It's not a question of it's a slam dunk and there was a 3-0 decision and the court ruled on the actual law. It's a different story than that altogether," said Phil Lind, vice-chairman of Rogers Communications Inc.

Rogers and other distributors of TV network signals argued that the so-called value-for-signal issue was a matter that fell under the Copyright Act and the question of royalties, and was not in the jurisdiction of the CRTC.

Justice Marc Nadon agreed.

Lind added: "The CRTC even acknowledged that it was a problem because they referred it directly to the courts without even rendering it to us. They knew it was going to be a problem."

Since the value-for-signal debate began, major networks such as CTV and Global have been purchased by the very distributors they were fighting.

Rogers will likely be joined by other cable and satellite firms in filing the leave to appeal. While it didn't indicate which companies, Bell Aliant was among those who made submissions in the lower court's case.

The cable and satellite companies have warned that the extra costs will be passed on to consumers. Lind estimates cable and satellite companies would wind up paying $5 or more per subscriber for TV signals.

The private broadcasters had warned that without the extra funds, they would have to shut down more local stations and cut back on Canadian productions.

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Rescue attempt will lead to deaths: Pirate

Any attempt to rescue a Danish family captured by pirates in the Indian Ocean will result in their deaths — just like the four American sailors slain by their captors last week, a Somali pirate warned yesterday.

Maritime experts said the Danes — a couple with three teenage children aged 12 to 16 — placed themselves in grave danger by sailing into pirate-infested waters off Somalia's lawless coast despite warnings from naval forces struggling to police the area. They were captured Thursday.

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Russian strays saved

Moscow's thousands of stray dogs have something to wag their tails about. Animal-rights activists say the city has dropped a plan to round the dogs up and ship them to a camp far outside of town. Some said the camp was like a concentration camp for dogs.

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▶ Tokyo Sky Tree

Japanese tower claims new record

A transmission tower under construction in Tokyo has become the world's tallest freestanding broadcast structure, the owners said yesterday.

The Tokyo Sky Tree project surpassed another tower in China by reaching 601 metres, the company said.

When complete later this year, the tower will stand 634 metres, Tobu Tower Sky Tree Co. spokesman Hirotake Takanashi said. It will replace a 1,090-foot tower built in 1958.

Japan's six top broadcasters are building the tower outside of town.

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Terminally ill infant may be returning home

Family to discuss London hospital offer to send baby home Breathing machine would be used

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Moe Maraachli, father of baby Joseph Maraachli, leaves a press conference in London, Ont., on February 24. He was advised by his lawyer not to speak to the media.

The father of a terminally ill child says he has not seen an offer from a hospital to return the baby to his Windsor home.

Moe Maraachli says he first heard about the offer by the London Health Sciences Centre on Monday.

The hospital said in a release it has always been willing to pay for a medial transfer home if Joseph Maraachli is accompanied by doctors and staff.

The hospital says the 13-month-old child would be transferred home on a breathing machine and then placed in the arms of his family before the machine was withdrawn.

Joseph suffers from a severe neurological condition and has been in hospital since October 2010.

The transfer would not involve performing a tracheostomy, something Joseph's family have fought for.

The Maraachlis' lawyer Mark Handelman says that's not acceptable to the family, but family spokesman Sam Sansalone says the family still has to discuss the matter.

Sansalone says those discussions have to take place before there is a decision.

The hospital maintains a tracheostomy is an invasive procedure for patients who require a long-term breathing machine.

The family want the procedure done so they can spend more time with their child.

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RAPE-CASE CONTROVERSY

Remarks mean no sex cases for judge

The Manitoba judge who made controversial remarks about a victim at a rape sentencing will not hear cases of a sexual nature, at least for now.

Court of Queen's Bench Justice Robert Dewar has agreed to the limitation while the Canadian Judicial Council investigates complaints about his remarks.

In a recent sexual assault case, Dewar commented on the way the female victim was dressed on the night in question and said "sex was in the air."

He convicted her attacker, but spared him from serving jail time.

Dewar's remarks were denounced by legal experts and there was a public protest outside Manitoba's law courts.

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Man struck in head with crutch

A 37-year old woman is facing a charge of assault with a weapon after a man was hit in the head with a crutch in St. John's, N.L.

Police were called to St. Clare's Mercy Hospital yesterday morning.

Police say the accused and the 40-year-old man are known to each other.

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ELECTION SPENDING

Financing ruling a blow for Tories

The Federal Court of Appeal has struck down a decision that Conservatives say cleared them of wrongdoing in the so-called in-and-out election financing scheme.

The ruling confirms Elections Canada's interpretation of electoral spending laws.

The court says it was reasonable for the electoral watchdog to be dissatisfied with the way the Conservative party reported national advertising expenses for the 2006 election.

Elections Canada alleges the scheme allowed the national party to exceed its spending limit by more than $1 million, while letting candidates claim rebates on expenses that they hadn't incurred.

A spokesperson for the elections watchdog said: "The decision preserves the integrity of the political financing regime, which ensures fairness in the electoral system."

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H2 oh oh ... where did water go?

Officials in an Okanagan, B.C., community have come up dry in their bid to find millions of litres of missing water.

The District of Peachland says more than 409-million litres of water — enough to fill nearly 131 Olympic-sized swimming pools — seem to have evaporated in 2010.

Peachland Mayor Keith Fielding believes some may have leaked but he also thinks a few property owners may have managed to bypass newly implemented water meters.

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NDP seeks referendum on abolishing Senate

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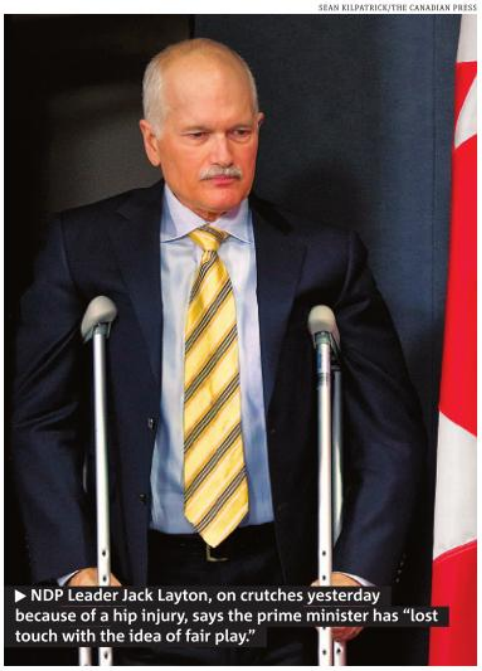

▶ NDP Leader Jack Layton, on crutches yesterday because of a hip injury, says the prime minister has "lost touch with the idea of fair play."

Layton wants a sober second thought on Tory-packed body

The New Democrats are calling for a national referendum on abolishing the Senate.

The Tories have reneged on their promises for reform and it's time to take the matter to Canadians, NDP Leader Jack Layton said yesterday.

His party is floating the idea of a referendum, as well as the creation of a committee to examine electoral reform, in an opposition motion under debate this week.

"The complexity of doing anything with our Constitution and our governance structure is difficult but for that reason we continue to avoid it, we complain about it, we point out its deficiencies and we don't really do anything about it," said New Democrat MP David Christopherson, who sponsored the proposal.

"Canadians want politics to be more than just 'gotcha,' more than just the scandals of the day."
MP DAVID CHRISTOPHERSON

Layton says the idea of the Senate being a place of sober second thought is impossible when it's stacked with Tory insiders.

The motion was supposed to be debated yesterday but the Tories put off the discussion until today, when it is being given less time.

"Debate cut by two-thirds — that sort of fits with Stephen Harper's approach to Parliament," Layton said.

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▶ A 68-year-old woman is in hospital in life-threatening condition after she was allegedly neglected by two family members and left to live in a freezing garage in a prolonged case of elder abuse, Toronto police say.

Woman found living in garage, son charged

Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse runs 24-hour hotline Gets up to 600 calls monthly

A man and woman accused of keeping the man's 68-year-old mother in a freezing garage all winter will spend the next two weeks in custody.

Kwong Yan, 43, and Qi (kee) Tan, 28, appeared in a Toronto court by video link yesterday, charged with failing to provide the necessities of life and criminal negligence causing bodily harm.

They were remanded in custody until March 15.

Police said the man's mother was found unconscious and frostbitten in an uninsulated garage.

9 In a 2009 survey of 2,000 members of CARP, a seniors' lobby group, nine per cent reported they had been a victim of elder abuse.

Paramedics made the shocking discovery after being called to the home on Marrakesh Drive in the city's northeast end by her son last Wednesday.

The woman was taken to hospital in life-threatening condition and remained in critical condition yesterday after suffering a stroke.

Det. Sgt. Mike Stones said the woman has "a deteriorating mental status" and had been declared incompetent to take care of her own affairs last fall.

The woman, who is incontinent, had been sleeping on a mattress on a makeshift plywood bed, with only a small dryer vent hooked up to the furnace to supply heat since November, said Stones.

The woman used a bucket to wash and a portable potty. Officers at the scene reported a "strong smell of urine and feces," said Stones.

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PUBLIC PRAYER

Quebec mayor told to cut out prayer in meetings

The forces of secularism are stirring in the small city of Saguenay, Que., where a praying mayor has been slapped with a cease-and-desist letter.

Mayor Jean Tremblay learned yesterday that he had received a lawyer's letter demanding an immediate halt to prayers and the display of Christian items at council meetings.

Tremblay's opponents call his ongoing religious campaign an embarrassing distraction for the city.

The mayor has been soliciting funds, with an image of Jesus featured on the city's website, as he mounts a legal appeal against a previous order to take down religious items and stop praying at council meetings.

Tremblay says donations are pouring in from outside the city, as people of faith have sent $118,000 his way.

But now his opponents are giving him 48 hours to immediately start enforcing an earlier decision from a human-rights tribunal, which ordered that religion be taken out of the public meetings.

The opposition has also launched a social-media fight, introducing a 90-second Facebook video called "Not in my name, Mr. Mayor."

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Conflict robbing kids of school: UN

Some countries spend more on military than on education: Report By spending 10% more on education, it's estimated 9.5M kids could attend school

At a glance

- **In Afghanistan** at least 613 attacks on schools were recorded in 2009, up from 347 in 2008.
- **Insurgents in Pakistan** have made numerous attacks on girls' schools, including one in which 95 girls were injured.
- **In North Yemen** 220 schools were destroyed, damaged or looted during fighting in 2009 and 2010.
- **Israeli attacks** in Gaza through 2008 and 2009 left 350 children dead, 1,815 injured and 280 schools damaged.
- **Children are also used** as soldiers in 24 countries including Congo, Chad, the Central African Republic, Myanmar and Sudan.

With the 2015 UN target for ensuring universal primary education fast approaching, the UN education agency warned that 67-million children are not attending school, including 28 million caught in armed conflicts.

UNESCO's 2011 Global Monitoring Report concluded that the world "by a wide margin" is not on track to achieve the goal set by world leaders at a UN summit in 2000, despite progress in many areas. The report calls for tougher action.

From 1999 to 2008, UNESCO said an additional 52-million children enrolled in primary school, but it said the number of children out of school is falling too slowly.

"If current trends continue," the report warned, "there could be more children out of school in 2015 than there are today."

It singled out as one key reason "the hidden crisis" of youngsters caught in armed conflict.

Of the total number of primary school-age children who are not enrolled in school, 42 per cent — about 28 million — live in poor countries affected by conflict, the report said.

"Chad spends four times as much on arms as on primary schools, and Pakistan spends seven times as much."
UNESCO'S 2011 GLOBAL MONITORING REPORT

"Children and schools today are on the front line of armed conflicts, with classrooms, teachers and pupils seen as legitimate targets," the UNESCO report said.

UNESCO warned that armed conflict is also diverting public funds from education into military spending.

The report said 21 of the world's poorest developing countries spend more on the military than on education.

UNESCO cited evidence in reports from UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon that rape and sexual violence are widely used as a weapon of war in many countries including Afghanistan, Chad, Congo and Sudan.

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Protest. Hero

▶ Hercules, a small dog rescued after an accident that left his back legs paralyzed, helps at a protest in Romania yesterday.

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Hercules fights for Romanian strays

Animal-rights activists demonstrated against plans to kill stray dogs in Bucharest yesterday. Local media report that there are 50,000 strays in the Romanian capital, of which 60 per cent are sterilized.

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Gorbachev turns 80

Former Russian leader says he enjoyed being in power Felt huge 'public demand for changes'

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▶ An undated file photo shows former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev during a news conference in Moscow.

Approaching his 80th birthday, Mikhail Gorbachev jokes about his age but frowns when he speaks of Russia sliding back into Soviet authoritarian ways he thought he defeated.

For much of the nearly 20 years since the Soviet Union collapsed under his leadership, Gorbachev has been something of a dim figure in his homeland, mostly staying out of public view despite being lauded in the West.

These days, Gorbachev, who turns 80 today, is becoming more visible and outspoken, even recently doling out harsh criticism of Vladimir Putin — as painful memories over the anxiety and suffering that followed the USSR's disintegration grow fainter.

Although his legacy remains controversial, Gorbachev is at last getting some recognition as an elder statesman, including a large photo exhibition on his years in power, displayed in a prestigious hall just outside the walls of the Kremlin that he once ruled.

Despite his years, he still shows the vigour and humour that captivated the world after a long series of sickly and tongue-tied Soviet leaders.

"I don't believe I'm 80 and didn't hope I'd make it (this far) — but I'm not going into physiological details here," he joked at a recent news conference.

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Ego clash

▶ **Gorbachev says** Prime Minister Putin and his protege, President Dmitry Medvedev, showed "incredible conceit" by saying they would decide who should run for Russia's 2012 presidential vote.

Gorbachev speaks of late wife

Mikhail Gorbachev was reviled at home for years after he lost power, as many held him responsible for the Soviet collapse.

It was his wife Raisa's death of blood cancer in 1999 that melted many hearts. "I want to believe that we can meet again behind the grave," he said.

Gorbachev will celebrate his birthday with family and friends in Moscow today. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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News in brief

▶ A fallen statue of Christchurch founder John Godley among ruins.

Death toll rises from N.Z. quake

TOLL. New Zealand police say the death toll from an earthquake that struck Christchurch city last week has risen to 159.

Supt. Dave Cliff said yesterday that four more bodies had been pulled from the rubble from the Feb. 22 disaster, taking the total tally to 159.

Many more people are still missing and Cliff has said the final death toll is likely to be around 240.

Cliff said the remains of some victims may never be retrieved because they were too badly damaged. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Peace prize names hushed

NORWAY. A record 241 nominations were submitted for the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize and the Norwegian jury has now begun the process to select a winner, the panel's spokesman said yesterday.

Russian human rights activist Svetlana Gannushkina, secret-spilling organization WikiLeaks and Cuban dissidents are among the candidates who have been publicly announced by those who nominated them. The winner is announced in October. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Public skivvies heats up Brazil

MODELS. Carnival is still a few days away, but some Brazilians are already strutting on the streets wearing next to nothing.

About 25 models paraded in their skivvies through a busy district in Brasilia yesterday to mark National Underwear Day.

Women in lingerie, thigh-high stockings and stiletto heels mingled with men wearing boxers, briefs and stylish top hats. Bystanders gawked and took photos and a crowd followed the models from a mall to a bus station. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EU court faces battle of sexes in insurance

The European Union's highest court yesterday barred the insurance industry from charging different rates for men and women, saying the widespread practices amounts to sex discrimination against millions.

The ruling ordered changes effective Dec. 21, 2012, to auto insurance, life insurance, medical coverage and other plans, potentially affecting tens of millions of customers across the continent.

Currently millions of insurance policies take gender into account. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The British think-tank Open Europe said that an average 17-year-old female in Britain would have to pay 4,300 pounds ($7,000) more in care insurance over 10 years, while a male would save 3,250 pounds ($5,300) over the same period.

I'LL HAVE AN X-RAY AND A DOUBLE-DOUBLE

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

Two of our nation's most prominent icons came together in a Vancouver suburb Monday, as overflow patients at the Royal Columbian Hospital were treated at the hospital's Tim Hortons doughnut shop.

Which proves that if you live long enough, you'll get to write at least one totally mind-blowing paragraph just like that one.

But it's all true. They had 190 patients in the ER, and because all the broom closets were full, they moved the table and chairs out of the café and moved the patients and the gurneys in.

Hospital personnel got a little confused as the doughnut shop performed double-double duty as an extension of the ER.

Nurses caught themselves telling patients to roll up their rims instead of their sleeves and wanted to know if that EKG was to go. "You want it toasted?"

You want to know what's really hilarious? The doughnut shop is actually part of the hospital's official overflow plan. Some poor sap was forced to stand in front of the TV cameras and actually maintain they would do it again the next time they have 190 patients at once.

Yeah, right.

Which is it? A cleverly designed PR move to shame the province into forking over more money to the hospital, a sneaky plot to introduce private (franchise, no less) health care, a new way for ER personnel to get their coffee breaks on a busy night or a complete breakdown of the Canadian health-care system.

"It's also unfortunate for U.S. President Barack Obama, who's trying to convince his fellow Americans to make the U.S. system more like Canada's."

If you ticked All of the Above, you're probably right. Have a Timbit. Have another one.

I'm sorry, but a doughnut shop is a great place to get a cup of coffee and one (maybe two) of those tasty walnut-crunch numbers. It's not a great place to find out if you have a broken leg or the chicken pox. It's not on the menu.

It's also unfortunate for U.S. President Barack Obama, who's trying to convince his fellow Americans to make the U.S. system more like Canada's. I'm not sure what Rush Limbaugh will make of the spectacle of treating ER patients at Dunkin' Donuts, but, by the looks of him, he's at least familiar with the product.

Of course, it's not all bad. Where else can you get a BP/blood work combo with extra-large coffee? And it comes with a choice of biscuit or English muffin.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

That filthy natural gas

Worth Mentioning

Clearing the air

MATT KING/GETTY IMAGES

Researchers at the University of B.C. are clearing the air about clean fuel, saying that what may work to reduce emissions in Canada doesn't necessarily help in developing nations.

A new study has found that cheap engines found in the auto-rickshaws commonly used for public transport in Asian countries actually belch more greenhouse gases when run on the compressed natural gas being touted to tackle climate change here.

Lead author Conor Reynolds says that when the city of New Delhi, India, made clean fuels mandatory in 2003, policy makers didn't realize the solution for carbon emissions isn't one size fits all.

His team discovered there was only a minor reduction in air-pollution, which was offset by even higher levels of soot and methane spewing from the engines.

Reynolds says the study should be considered by decision-makers across Asia and Africa as they try to address pollution and global warming.

He says the emissions per litre of fuel from the low-grade auto-rickshaw engine was nearly the same as the amount expelled by a diesel bus.

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Should colleges be held accountable if their grads don't get jobs?

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Metro Minute with The Dreadnoughts

See how much damage can be done with a fiddle, an accordion and a tin whistle as The Dreadnoughts bring their chaotic blend of punk, Celtic and folk music to Mavericks.

The Vancouver quintet is touring in support of their new album, Polka's Not Dead, a punked-up mixture of polkas, gypsy dances and sea shanties. They are joined by Australian ska band The Resignators, who have released their first North American album, Offbeat Time. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $12 in advance and available at Vertigo Records, the Record Shaap, by phone at 888-222-6608 or online at www.ticketweb.ca.

STEVE COLLINS

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Carney stays the course on interest rates

- Cites uncertainty in global economy, markets
- Unchecked dollar could sink recovery at home

The Bank of Canada is sticking with its trendsetting rate of one per cent for at least another six weeks, giving no hint yesterday about when it might raise the rate again to ward off inflation: an increasing threat given recent signs the economy is expanding strongly.

Few had expected bank governor Mark Carney to raise rates, but analysts were looking for a signal of future hikes after Monday's news that the economy grew by 3.3 per cent in the final quarter last year, a full point higher than the bank had projected.

While the bank acknowledged the robust growth, it maintained that not much had in fact changed and that the risks to global recovery remain elevated. The bank also warned that the strong Canadian dollar and the poor productivity of Canadian firms will act as anchors to future export growth.

Economists noted that Carney likely wanted to avoid giving any more boost to the loonie by signalling bullish intentions.

It may also be that, like some private-sector economists, Carney is skeptical that the better economic performance will hold up. Craig Alexander, TD Bank's chief economist, said he believes the quick start will yield to a steady slowdown as the year proceeds.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 4 P.M. YESTERDAY

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Gold contracts $1,431.20 US (+ $21.30 US)

Eye. Tracking

▶ Barbara Barclay of Tobii Technology Inc. demonstrates a prototype laptop that tracks and can be controlled by the eye movements of the user.

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Peering into the future

Ever wish your eyes were lasers? A laptop prototype brings that wish closer to reality. It tracks your gaze and figures out where you're looking on the screen. Tobii Technology Inc., the Swedish firm behind the technology, says the eye tracker works by shining two invisible infrared lights at you. Two hidden cameras then look for the glints off your eyeballs and reflections from each retina. Tobii has been making eye-tracking devices for researchers and the disabled for nearly a decade. The company hopes to expand eye-tracking beyond those niches into business and video games. Imagine the fun of blasting away bad guys with a laser that hits where you look.

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Ford edges out GM as top seller, despite slide

Ford Motor Co. of Canada is reclaiming its status as the country's top-selling automaker even as its February sales slid 10 per cent compared to the record-breaking results it logged a year ago.

The company takes the spot from General Motors Canada, which held the position in January but reported February sales of its core brands were down 5.7 per cent to 12,285.

Ford sold 16,081 vehicles last month, down from 17,920 last February. But sales this year have improved to 30,405 from 29,473 in the opening months of 2010, propelling the automaker to top sales status so far this year.

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Ford Canada's car and SUV sales are up seven per cent, and the automaker's year-to-date sales are up three per cent.

Honda Canada also reported a decline in sales from last February. The company sold 6,902 vehicles last month, down 14 per cent from a year ago.

Meanwhile, smaller automakers reported record-breaking sales last month.

South Korean automaker Hyundai reported February sales of 8,700 vehicles in Canada, beating last February's sales by 2.3 per cent. So far this year, it has sold 5.5 per cent more vehicles than in the opening two months of 2010.

Subaru Canada Inc. reported a record February with 1,765 vehicles sold, up 2.4 per cent over last February.

The auto industry is expected to see more robust activity this year as the economy and consumer confidence improve.

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U.S. eyes Canadian hotels

Foreign investors, led by U.S. hotel chains looking for new markets, will help boost investment in Canada's hotel industry by 30 per cent in 2011, a new report forecasts.

The report by Colliers International Hotels suggests the jump will be fuelled by demand from mainly U.S. companies that find it hard to generate new business at home and are looking for opportunities elsewhere.

The report says investors are taking note of Canada's stronger economy as well as major international events hosted in the country last year, such as the Winter Olympics in Vancouver and the G20 Summit in Toronto.

The report also predicts a 5.3 per cent increase in the average hotel value nationwide.

One-third of the deals last year included hotels bought for redevelopment or conversion into condos or student residences.

"We expect to see this trend continue to evolve, especially in markets where assets have reached the end of their economic life as hotels," said Tom Andrews, senior vice-president of Colliers International Hotels.

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Palin

The daughter of former Alaska governor Sarah Palin, Bristol Palin, has signed with William Morrow to publish the book Not Afraid of Life, to come out this summer. It will look at her life growing up in Alaska and coming of age amid the media and political frenzy surrounding her mother's political rise.
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Oprah Winfrey is coming to Canada to promote OWN. Scan or visit metronews.ca for story.

No Adjustment needed for pair

Chemistry between Damon and Blunt shines through in latest movie

HANDOUT

▶ Matt Damon and Emily Blunt star in the Adjustment Bureau.

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The Adjustment Bureau may look like one of those serious-minded conspiracy films — and in a way it is, considering main character David Norris (Matt Damon) is being hunted down by strange suit-and-Fedora clad men trying to alter his destiny. But in sitting down with Damon and co-star Emily Blunt, there was more a mood of casual rom-com than nail-biting thriller, even after they were soberly asked to recall a moment in their own lives when fate seemed to intervene.

"I think Emily's chance to work with me must've been one of those moments," Damon cracks without missing a beat.

Blunt sarcastically admits he's right and goes on to explain that getting into her second choice university was what effectively gave her the career she has today.

Damon counters by adding that if he had chosen to star in Werner Herzog's Rescue Dawn rather than the Farrelly Brothers' Stuck on You, he never would have met his wife.

"Well, mine was better," Blunt quips at Damon.

"You went for the romance, you manipulated them."

It's obvious that the co-stars have a camaraderie that easily translated to Bureau, in which their characters meet by chance and share an instant attraction.

The mysterious titular bureau claims that the two cannot be together for reasons they cannot explain.

"What it really works as, is that the Adjustment Bureau is the obstacle to these people being together. It's never going to be Inception — it's never going to be that kind of intricate and complicated."

"Looking back on my career, I feel like as much as I tried to control as much as I could, a lot of it really is down to luck"
MATT DAMON ON THE ROLE OF FATE IN HIS CAREER

SAMIR HUSSEIN/GETTY IMAGES

▶ John Galliano

Comments get Galliano fired by Dior

John Galliano has been fired by Christian Dior, following yet further allegations of anti-semitic remarks made by the flamboyant designer, while drinking in the Marais district of Paris.

"I unequivocally condemn the statements made by John Galliano, which are in total contradiction to the longstanding core values of Christian Dior," Sidney Toledano, chairman and chief executive officer of Christian Dior Couture said.

For the time being the show will remain on schedule but regardless of the strength of the collection it is unlikely to receive the acclaim that is usually associated with this talented designer.

At the present time, Dior has declined to comment on who is set to replace Galliano.

RICHARD PECKETT

Portman

Natalie Portman condemned alleged anti-semitic comments made by designer John Galliano.

Quote "I am deeply shocked and disgusted by the video of John Galliano's comments that surfaced today."

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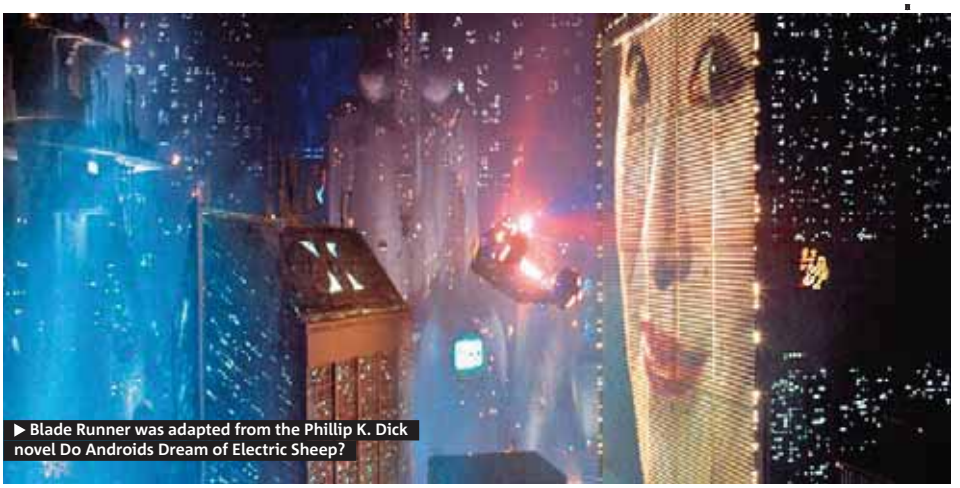

▶ Blade Runner was adapted from the Phillip K. Dick novel Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?

For someone who once famously said, "You would have to kill me and prop me up in the seat of my car with a smile painted on my face to get me to go near Hollywood," writer Phillip K. Dick certainly has a good Tinsel Town track record. Films based on his novels and short stories have made over $1 billion, a figure that is bound to increase with the release of this weekend's The Adjustment Bureau.

Based on Dick's short story Adjustment Team, the film stars John Slattery as a mysterious Adjustment Bureau agent who must keep star-crossed lovers Matt Damon and Emily Blunt apart. It follows along with at least one tradition typical of Dick's Hollywood adaptations — a title change.

Blade Runner was based on the 1968 novel Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? The short story We Can Remember It for You Wholesale became Total Recall and Next, the Nicolas Cage movie, was loosely based on the short story The Golden Man.

"Phil often commented that he couldn't write good titles," said Dick's ex-wife Tessa.

"If he could, he would have been an advertising writer instead of a novelist."

Blade Runner is arguably Dick's most famous film but an early draft of the script so displeased Dick he went on the offensive, deriding it as Phillip Marlowe meets The Stepford Wives.

Later, however, when shown 20 minutes of special effects shots, the author came on board, saying the footage of Los Angeles in 2019 looked "exactly as how I'd imagined it!"

Ironically, director Ridley Scott later let it slip that he had never even read Dick's book.

Total Recall also had a similar rocky development from page to stage. Early on David Cronenberg was attached to write and direct but walked from the project when producers told him they wanted to change the story into something akin to Raiders of the Lost Ark Go to Mars.

Eventually it was made as an incredibly violent Arnold Schwarzenegger film Roger Ebert called "one of the most complex and visually interesting science fiction movies in a long time."

Despite the fact that Dick died in 1982 of a heart attack, interest in his work remains unabated. Disney is planning an animated adaptation of King of the Elves and Ridley Scott is reported to be producing a mini-series based on The Man in the High Castle for the BBC.

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Nothing suspect about Whitaker's latest TV role

Best known for his Academy Award-winning movies, Forest facing new challenges on Criminal Minds series

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▶ Forest Whitaker stars in Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior.

Academy Award-winning actor Forest Whitaker isn't necessarily a stranger to television, but Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior marks his first lead role on a TV series. He says it's a decision he made partially to be home more with his family.

Whitaker spoke with Metro about moving to TV, reading people and fulfilling childhood dreams.

What made you take a full-time series TV role?

I never had my own show, but I got a chance to do it a couple times before. I did six episodes on ER once. It was a good experience. And I did, like, 11 episodes on The Shield, which was a great experience, developing that character. For this, it was the right time. I wanted to stay home for a while. I was offered a couple series at the same time. I chose to do this one because I was interested in exploring the human mind and the human psyche.

Was it a childhood dream of yours to be a cop or an FBI agent?

No. (laughs) But, you know, I did want to be a behavioural analyst. When I was a kid, I remember at kindergarten I told my class. They said, "What do you want to be?" I said, "I want to be an ethologist." Everybody's like, "What?" And I was like, "Animal behaviourist." And so, I guess, in some ways, I'm still doing that.

Are you a good at reading people?

I don't think so. (laughs) I mean, I think I can look at people and see certain behaviours and certain things. But I think I'm a better people-reader when it doesn't have anything to do with me.

Your kids must be happy that you're close to home now and not travelling so much.

That's what they said. (laughs) I'm happy because you get to see things, like, on a daily basis. And I have two kids who are off to school, college, and I have two little ones. I missed a lot. I've been there for my kids, but I haven't been there as much as I'd like. I've been a gypsy.

How would you say your show differs from the original Criminal Minds?

I think it's the nature of the people, experience and where they're coming from. First off, we're a red-cell unit, so we only report directly to the director of the FBI. We're a specialized unit. We have a guy who was a prisoner, you know, who's coming from the criminal minds, someone who's a sniper from overseas. Initially, we were supposed to be dealing with some international crimes and things like that. I don't know. We haven't really pursued a lot of that yet. I hope we will.

Cue the comeback cast

A boxing great, a model who survived an Indian Ocean tsunami and a grown-up Karate Kid will be hoofing it on the 12th season of Dancing with the Stars.

Welterweight champ Sugar Ray Leonard, model Petra Nemcova and Ralph Macchio of the hit 1984 karate movie will be among 11 celebrity contestants when the ABC show returns March 21.

The cast was announced Monday by Dancing hosts Tom Bergeron and Brooke Burke in segments that aired during an episode of ABC's The Bachelor.

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▶ Kirstie Alley

"Forget the rumours. The moment of truth has arrived!" Bergeron exclaimed.

Also hitting the dance floor will be actress Kirstie Alley; Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward; professional wrestler Chris Jericho; Loveline radio show co-host Mike Catherwood; onetime rap prodigy Romeo (former Lil' Romeo); Chelsea Kane of Disney Channel's Jonas; talk show host Wendy Williams and reality star Kendra Wilkinson.

Alley suggested the contestants' focus would be to "try not to fall on our butts the first week out. That's what I'm going for."

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▶ Christina Aguilera

Bad night out for Christina Aguilera

Evening ends with singer's arrest ◐ Boyfriend faces DUI charge

Christina Aguilera was reportedly arrested early yesterday morning in West Hollywood for public intoxication, according to TMZ. Her boyfriend, Matthew Rutler, was reportedly also arrested for a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. Aguilera was "extremely intoxicated" and "unable to take care of herself," law enforcement sources tell the website. Police initially pulled Rutler over because he was driving erratically.

"If the driver had not been arrested for DUI, (Christina) would have never been in trouble,"" the source says.

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Celebrity tweets

Adam Lambert [@adam lambert] Wow new Gaga video is wild and weird! I love the super 60's psychedelic intro. Like Barbarella meets Alien.

Ryan Seacrest [@Ryan Seacrest] Picked up chicken soft tacos on the way home and fell asleep at 9pm! Early morn.

Neil Patrick Harris [@Actually NPH] Charlie Sheen's done lost his crackers... #teamcbs

Katy Perry [@katyperry] OPRAH!

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Pressure over Gadhafi shows

Beyoncé Knowles, Mariah Carey, Usher and 50 Cent are among the entertainers being pressured to return money they have been paid for performing for Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi and his family, according to Rolling Stone. Carey, for instance, was reportedly paid $1 million to perform for Gadhafi's son at a New Year's Eve party in 2008.

Nelly Furtado has already posted on Twitter: "In 2007, I received ($1 million) from the Gadhafi clan to perform a 45-minute show for guests at a hotel in Italy. I am going to donate the (money.)"

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Paltrow serious about singing

Gwyneth Paltrow has made waves with her singing recently in film in Country Strong, on TV on Glee and at awards shows like the Grammys and the Oscars.

So naturally the next question is when will she sign a record deal? It may be soon, Paltrow admits.

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Sheen goes public, loses publicist

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▶ Charlie Sheen

Charlie Sheen has been on the publicity offensive this week, doing as many interviews as he can to discuss his infamous fallout with CBS and the creator of Two and a Half Men, capping it off with a 45-minute live chat with website TMZ in his backyard.

When asked about his 10-month-old twin sons, Sheen motioned to the house and said, "They're right in there somewhere." When asked who was watching the toddlers, Sheen said, "Everybody here is parenting the kids." Shortly after the interview, Sheen's long-term publicist, Stan Rosenfield, quit. In response, Sheen told TMZ, "He's not allowed to quit, so you're fired."

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Taking a ride on a zip line in The Rock

N.L.'s Marble Mountain offers some great skiing and snowboarding
Don't miss a heart-stopping zip-line ride over a huge gorge

I stood on the platform staring across Canada's highest zip line — a cable strung 85 metres over a plunging gorge at Marble Mountain, one of the best kept secrets in western Newfoundland.

"Have fun!" the guide urged me as I shook with fear but stepped from the edge, my feet suddenly dangling free over the vast chasm below.

I was secured to the down-sloping cable by two pulleys with cords attached to a harness with straps around my waist, legs, shoulders and chest.

Through my helmet I could barely hear the other zip liners cheering me on as I laughed like a kid on a rollercoaster. A spectacular view of the Humber Valley, cut through the foothills of the Appalachian Mountain Range — the same peaks that extend into Georgia — flashed past.

And before I knew it, I was slowing down as the cable angled upward toward the waiting guide who caught my lines at the receiving platform.

Now that's a knee-wobbling rush.

Marble Zip Tours offers eight lines criss-crossing the spectacular Steady Brook Falls near Corner Brook, N.L. The longest ride sprawls across 420 metres and is aptly described in promotional brochures as a heady blend of parachuting and flying.

But if hurtling over a deep void isn't quite your speed, Marble Mountain is also a winter wonderland featuring world-class skiing and snowboarding.

World-class skiing on The Rock? It's a fact so little known that lineups for chairlifts with names like "Newfie Bullet" are astoundingly short. They head up to 37 trails ranging from leisurely runs to double-black-diamond vertical drops of up to 519 metres.

And of course there's lots of typical Newfoundland humour. One run is called Blow Me Down, or as it's also simply referred to, OMJ, or Oh My Jesus.

Marble Mountain is geographically blessed with a climate that is typically one of the snowiest in Canada. But when the peaks were still bare in early January, panicked locals organized a snow dance. The region has been blasted with about two metres of powder ever since, creating some of the best skiing and snowboarding conditions in recent memory.

It's Alli Johnston's job to get the marketing word out about Marble Mountain. Visitors from St. John's, N.L., flock to the resort, along with increasing numbers of tourists from Ontario and Europe, she said.

Still, she hears from people time and again that they never expected to find a resort like Marble Mountain on The Rock.

"It is something that we are trying to change - but not too much," she said with a smile. "Part of the charm of this place is the short lift lines and the relative friendliness of all the people here, and the real local flavour that we get."

Lines are longer in the base lodge, however. Expect to wait about 30 minutes in food and bar queues on the busiest weekends, and get there early if you're renting equipment. Snowboarding boots go especially quickly.

And don't expect to find onsite restaurants or boutique shopping. At Marble Mountain, it's all about the slopes.

As one young snowboarder put it: "It's primo."

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▶ A participant at Marble Zip Tours, Marble Mountain, near Corner Brook, N.L.. Marble Mountain offers Canada's highest zip line — a cable strung 85 metres over a gorge.

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▶ The scene at Marble Mountain near Corner Brook, N.L. Marble Mountain is a western Newfoundland resort that offers world-class skiing.

Travel in brief

Chic Savvy Travels is a new website co-founded by Canadian journalists Vawn Himmelsbach and Tanya Enberg that offers some great advice and stories for female travellers. Dubbed A Backpacker's Guide for Grown-ups, the site has sections such as Relationship Road Test and Canadian, eh? Check out chicsavvytravels.com.

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Can't wait until St. Patrick's Day to party? Tybee Island, GA., is celebrating Mardi Gras

The sides of St. Lucia

Blah blah blah explore the Caribbean island of St. Lucia From beaches to lush rainforests, there's something for everyone, whether you're a beach bunny, a water baby or a party animal

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Water babies will love it here — St Lucia has some of the best diving in the Caribbean, with natural coral around the underwater volcano that surrounds the island as well as artificial sites grown from shipwrecks. The perfect place to head underwater is Anse Chastenet beach, in the middle of a marine park with a fish-heavy reef just ten metres from the sand. Book through Scuba St Lucia (singles dives from $39; 00 1 758 459 7755, scubastlucia.com).

From mid-March to the end of July, St Lucia has some shy and rather elusive visitors — turtles. They're most likely spotted on the wild sweep of Grande Anse beach. Embark on a viewing with Jim Sparks (00 1 758 452 8100; $12). You'll stay in a tent right on the sand with only candles for company, and you'll have from 4 p.m. until 6:30 a.m. to see the shelled creatures.

If you're keen on sightseeing, you can drive right up to the belching, bubbling Soufrière Volcano — a reminder of the island's origins and the reason its beaches come with black sand (admission $1.25). But it's the surroundings that make the trip. This part of St Lucia is stunning, with the peaks of the Pitons rising from the coast, and a maze of inland roads hemmed by old plantations and sleepy, pastel villages.

The potholed, meandering roads of this island mean you'll soon want a break from driving. Consider swapping four wheels for four legs on a trail round crumbling Morne Coubaril sugar plantation (every day 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., $10): a horseback tour here takes in the dramatic sweep of beach at its very edges, the old mansion at its heart, and the various methods with which they cultivate coca, copra and manioc.

Party time comes at the end of the working week in St Lucia, with casual Friday night parties in small villages and towns. In paintbox-coloured Anse-La-Raye towards the south of the island, Fish Friday marks the end of the week with stalls of fresh seafood laid out by the residents, and music throbbing from soundsystems strung high above the pavements. In Gros Islet, a tiny town near Rodney Bay, the party is louder, livelier, and packed with tourists and locals drinking beer in makeshift bars and eating spicy Caribbean specialities.

Quick tips

- Hewanorra International Airport in the south of the island is served by many international airlines.
- Avoid driving through Soufrière unless you're going with a guide or have clear directions. Some residents don't appreciate tourists and their 4WDs reversing up the narrow streets!
- Don't change your cash to Eastern Caribbean dollars. American currency is accepted everywhere and you'll get a better deal if you need to change any back.

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Visit Big Apple's movie set

Matt Damon runs around some of the most famous landmarks in New York in his latest movie The Adjustment Bureau ◗ Pay a visit to the sets of your favourite movies and you'll take in many of New York's key sights

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"Take an alternative tour of New York through the sets of your favourite movies"

In the new film, The Adjustment Bureau, Matt Damon and Emily Blunt run around a futuristic New York City, pursued by shadowy agents that are out to get them. But the Big Apple is even more fun with all the conspiracy theories and gun-toting baddies. Metro rounds up some of the best spots in the city as featured on the silver screen.

THE ADJUSTMENT BUREAU
Brooklyn Bridge

Before Matt Damon's rising politician ends up on the run, he's busy running for office, using landmarks including the famous bridge as backdrops for his campaign speeches. The first-ever steel-wire suspension bridge is one of the city's enduring landmarks and a great place to start your own chase scenes. A walk across also puts visitors in the right place to explore the gorgeous architecture of Brooklyn Heights.

I AM LEGEND
Washington Square Park

In this dystopian zombie flick, Will Smith holes up in one of the fancy townhouses alongside Greenwich Village's main attraction. Luckily for visitors, there aren't hordes of blood-thirsty monsters stalking the Washington Square Arch — and the park has just completed a $16 million refurbishment, sprucing up the unofficial centre of New York University's campus and aligning its famous fountain with that arch.

DIE HARD WITH A VENGEANCE
Central Park

The massive park in Manhattan is featured in many films, most thrillingly in the third chapter in the Die Hard franchise, when Det. John McClain (Bruce Willis) commandeers a cab and careens through the park to beat traffic. We don't recommend off-road driving — Central Park is a nature conservancy — but take a cue from the film and explore the less-familiar northern end of the park, for gems including the Harlem Meer and the Great Hil.

BLACK SWAN
Lincoln Center

While much of the action in this Oscar-nominated psychological thriller happens inside New York's famed ballet theatre, the surrounding area still gets a chance to show off. And it has plenty to boast about, as Lincoln Center recently underwent a four-year face-lift, with magnificent new facades and promenades worth checking out. Plus, with numerous performance venues including the homes of the Metropolitan Opera, there's plenty for connoisseurs of the arts to explore.

GHOSTBUSTERS 2
The Statue of Liberty

No visit to the Big Apple would be complete without checking out Lady Liberty, which came to life to save the day in this 1989 sequel. There's no word on whether she'll reprise her role for the anticipated Ghostbusters 3, but she's still accepting visitors in New York Harbor. And while the city would frown on your bringing the statue to life using ectoplasm and guiding it across the river to Manhattan, you can still visit for an awesome view of the city and experience a piece of New York history.

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The joys of fried fish — minus the frying

[redacted] tains a red Thai curry mayo that provides just enough of a spicy kick

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This recipe for "Fried" Haddock with Red Thai Curry Mayo, adapted from the Associated Press, manages to find a creative way to infuse a basic baked "fried" haddock with the delicious taste of Thai red curry paste.

Making the fish couldn't be simpler. Just whisk eggs, mayo and mustard in one shallow bowl, and fill a second with panko breadcrumbs.

Then, dredge haddock fillets through the egg mixture, then through the panko, then bake them on a sheet in the oven.

Adding the gentle yet complex spicy heat of red curry paste is also made really easy.

However, just combining the curry paste with the egg mixture doesn't allow you to taste it, nor does adding it to the breadcrumb mixture (a messy proposal).

Instead, whip it into the mayonnaise, then slather that on a bun, add the fish and call it a day.

It's marvellously good and perfectly marries the tender taste of the fish with a nice and gentle, yet spicy, kick.

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▶ Make this sandwich in three simple steps.

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) panko breadcrumbs
- 1 lb (500 g) haddock fillets, divided into 4 pieces
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) light mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) Thai red curry paste
- 8 large Boston or bibb lettuce leaves
- 4 hamburger buns

Preparation:

1 In a wide, shallow bowl, whisk together eggs and mustard. In another wide, shallow bowl, place breadcrumbs.

2 Season haddock with salt and pepper. Dredge each piece of haddock in the egg mixture, letting excess drip off then coat in breadcrumbs evenly on both sides. Arrange fillets on greased baking sheet. Bake in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 10 minutes or until fish flakes when tested with a fork.

3 Meanwhile, in small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise and curry paste. Divide mixture over the bottom half of each bun, then top each with 2 lettuce leaves. Set haddock over lettuce and serve immediately.

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BOSS-BASHING

Can you openly criticize your boss without fear of immediate dismissal?

Here are the tales of three employees who did just that and ended up paying for it with their jobs.

Upset following an angry confrontation with her boss, Maria Van Der Meij wasn't about to go quietly.

Believing that her boss had acted improperly during a meeting, Van Der Meij left the office and wrote to the company's board of directors, angrily criticizing her boss by accusing him of being a coward and lacking ethical standards.

The letter cost Van Der Meij both her job and her case, as a court later found that by spitefully criticizing her boss, her immediate dismissal was justified.

Similarly, following a number of poor performance reviews, Yingyi Chen had finally had enough of management's disdain. Knowing that the company was in a precarious financial position, Chen penned a letter to its shareholders widely expressing his dissatisfaction with management and how he felt the company was being run.

In siding with the employer, a court found that Chen had attempted to embarrass both his managers and the board of directors in the eyes of the company's shareholders, and that by doing so without a good reason, his termination was subsequently upheld.

Conversely, when Dawn Marie Bennett became concerned with the way her boss ran the small office where she worked, she complained. However, it was to no avail.

When the issues mounted, Bennett delivered a letter to her boss accusing her of being dishonest and negligent and suggesting that she was disorganized and incompetent. Bennett was fired almost immediately.

Unlike the other two cases, here the court sided with the employee. Why? Because Bennett's letter, while harshly worded, was intended to be kept private and not to embarrass her boss or the company.

In all three cases, the courts accepted that employees are generally entitled to criticize superiors without fear of immediate dismissal. However, sometimes silence can be golden. While employees will often have complaints that are reasonable or justified, the manner and tone in which they express them must always remain professional.

When such criticism goes over the edge, an employer is not required to tolerate it.

What is this guy thinking?

When attempting to land that dream job, it's important to consider what the recruiter wants to hear

The best interviews will take on a natural, conversational tone, career experts say.

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Getting dressed for a job interview?

Start by "putting yourself in the shoes of an employer and think what they would want to hear," says Laura DeCarlo, an interview coach.

Leenie Glickman, a career counselor from Boston, adds, "think about what they would want to hire.

"Prepare by writing down what traits and skills they would be looking for. Then it's almost irrelevant what they ask you because you already know what you want to tell them."

A command of the conversation puts your interviewers at ease, which you want to do during an interview.

"As a job seeker, yes, you have a lot of fear, but in reality, it's just dress rehearsal," she continues. "If you get it wrong, you can always keep applying, keep learning. But an employer has a whole lot at risk when they're interviewing job seekers. They can be very insecure."

They can also be dismally unprepared, she adds.

"There are a variety of unprepared interview types," she says. "They range from the leads-the-interview-astray-talking-about-wife-and-kids interviewer to the interviewer who is so shy and quiet that you're going to have a stilted interview if you're not outgoing and personable."

If you find yourself locked in an inquisition with a manager like that, be ready to manage your talk time like a chess player slapping the clock, Glickman suggests.

Studies show a jobseeker should speak about 20 per cent of the time during their first round interview.

"The best interviews are the ones where it's interactive," she notes. "They ask you a question, you give them the answer, you come back with a question. It feels conversational."

Just Google 'em!

It's a 21st century given that your job interviewer is going to Google you – and probably gawk at all those Facebook photos you left online. But the web's translucent curtain goes both ways.

Take advantage!

"All these companies have LinkedIn groups," Glickman points out. "Use LinkedIn's advance search functions. Search for people who work at that company and find out more about them."

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New doctors get a tech check-up

Students learning to make the most of latest technologies in medicine

An initiative has been launched to better prepare Canadian medical students to practise in modern, technology-enabled clinical environments.

The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada and Canada Health Infoway want medical schools, students and residents to join in a three-year project to strengthen learning in effective clinical use of information and communications technologies.

"In Canada and around the world, clinicians are improving quality of care, access and productivity through the use of information and communications technologies," said Jennifer Zelmer of Health Infoway, a federally funded organization formed to accelerate development of information technology projects across the country.

"By giving clinicians in training a good foundation on the effective use of these tools in clinical practice, physicians of tomorrow can better harness these benefits in their practices and for their patients," she said.

The Clinicians in Training project aims to improve clinical practice and patient care by supporting medical students and residents in their adoption and use of information and communications technologies, such as electronic medical records.

The program, involving Canada's 17 faculties of medicine, will include creation and sharing of curriculum-based resources and e-learning tools. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ The Clinicians in Training program targets students and residents.

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According to a Kaplan survey, 88 per cent of admissions officers believed social media was either "somewhat" or "very" important to their future recruitment efforts.

"What you do now stays in the public domain forever. It's easier to remove a tattoo," says Kenny Ossen, director of communications and broadcast media for SocialShield, a service designed to inform parents about social media.

▶ Universities and colleges are starting to look at social media websites when deciding which students to accept.

While students can't change who they are, they can refine their image.

See below for some easy tips. NEWS CANADA

Tech Tips

- If you wouldn't send a photo to your grandmother or college admissions counsellor, don't post it online.
- Make sure all content is set to private. Anyone can get hold of information if you don't protect it.
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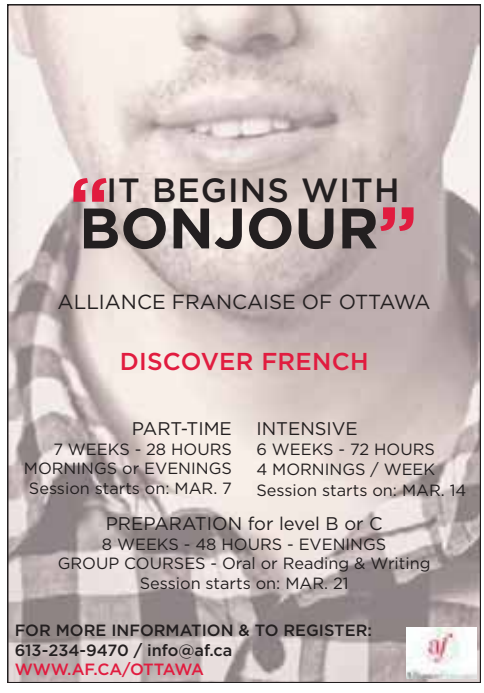
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Rask proves too big a task for Sens

Anderson gives Ottawa a chance but Boston goalie's 33 saves clinch win

Nathan Horton's third-period goal was all the Boston Bruins needed to defeat the Ottawa Senators 1-0 last night.

Horton scored at 1:43 of the third as he jumped on a loose puck in front of Craig Anderson.

Tuukka Rask earned his second shutout of the season as the Bruins wrapped up their six-game road trip with a perfect 6-0 record. Boston improved its road record to a league-best 22-7-4.

Anderson was solid for the Senators, stopping 20 shots.

There was little for the 16,826 on hand at Scotiabank Place to get excited about early on. The Bruins, playing the final game of their road trip that included stops in Western Canada, looked a little tired through the game's first 20 minutes.

The Senators also started slow as their revolving roster of players continued to familiarize themselves with new linemates.

The best chance of the first came in the final minutes as Patrice Bergeron had a wide open net, but Ottawa's Colin Greening managed to get a piece of the puck and bail out Anderson.

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1	0

The second period remained scoreless, but both teams created a number of great scoring chances.

Bergeron set up Mark Recchi at the side of the net, but he was robbed by Derek Smith who made a great sliding save. Seconds later Ottawa's Filip Kuba had a good chance, but couldn't get enough on his shot.

Jason Spezza took the only penalty of the period, but Anderson made a number of saves to keep the game scoreless.

The Senators' best chance came as Bobby Butler rang a shot off the post late in the period.

The Bruins are 4-1-0 against the Senators this year with the final meeting in Boston April 9.

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▶ Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask makes a save on Jason Spezza in Ottawa last night.

Opinion

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SENS STOCK UP FOR FUTURE

Before we start leaving a red mark on GM Bryan Murray's back for his work at the trade deadline, consider that he gave up a first-round pick to get Chris Campoli two years ago and received a second-rounder for him at Monday's trade deadline.

But it is indisputable that Murray did a very good job of getting to the task of cleaning up his own mess. The Senators go into this June's draft with two first-round picks and three in the second round, which will undoubtedly add a good chunk to their stable of prospects.

Which brings us to the future of this franchise on the ice. Here at The Hockey News we recently completed our Future Watch edition, which ranks each organization on the quality of its prospects and ranks the top-50 individual prospects outside the NHL.

And the Senators did not fare too badly on either count.

When it came to their ranking, the Senators' group of top-10 prospects and roster players 21 and under finished 16th in the league with a grade of B-. That gave the Senators the second-highest ranking among Canadian NHL teams, with the Edmonton Oilers at the top of the league with a mark of A.

When it came to individual prospects, the Senators' top three found their way into the top-50 prospects. Defenceman David Rundblad, whom the Senators acquired at last year's draft in exchange for their first-round pick, is the Senators' top prospect and was ranked 22nd overall. Rundblad is an offensive defenceman who is scoring at almost a point-per-game clip with Skelleftea in Sweden.

Defenceman Jared Cowen of the Spokane Chiefs was ranked 40th overall and goaltender Robin Lehner came in at 44th overall.

When the Senators' prospect list was put together in February, it included the likes of Bobby Butler, Erik Condra and Colin Greening because all three were playing with the farm team in Binghamton, but the recent purge of players on the NHL roster has given all three of those players a chance and they have displayed, at least in the short term, that they can compete at the NHL level.

That's good news for the Senators. So is the fact that thanks to their trade deadline dealings and their tumble to the bottom of the NHL standings, more prospects will be on the way soon.

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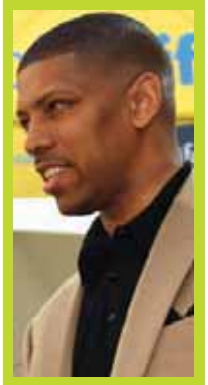

"The likelihood of them leaving is probably greater than them staying, but it's not a done deal."

SACRAMENTO MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSON, A FORMER NBA PLAYER, ON THE CHANCES OF THE KINGS STAYING IN HIS CITY. THE NBA GRANTED THE TEAM AN EXTENSION YESTERDAY TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR RELOCATION NEXT SEASON.

"We're wishing them ill will. I told that to the Anaheim mayor in a delicate way last week. I am rooting against him."

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	62	40	16	3	3	203	159	86	20-8-1-2	20-8-2-1	6-3-1-0	L1
d-Tampa Bay	62	37	18	3	4	191	190	81	21-7-1-3	16-11-2-1	5-3-0-2	W3
d-Boston	63	37	19	2	5	195	148	81	15-12-1-2	22-7-1-3	6-4-0-0	W6
Pittsburgh	64	37	21	3	3	187	159	80	20-11-2-0	17-10-1-3	3-5-1-1	W1
Washington	64	34	20	5	5	170	162	78	18-8-2-5	16-12-3-0	5-5-0-0	W2
Montreal	64	34	23	4	3	168	165	75	20-8-3-3	14-15-1-0	4-4-0-2	W2
NY Rangers	65	33	28	2	2	181	160	70	14-16-1-2	19-12-1-0	4-6-0-0	L2
Carolina	64	30	25	4	5	186	194	69	17-10-1-2	13-15-3-3	4-4-1-1	W1
Buffalo	62	30	25	6	1	179	179	67	14-15-2-1	16-10-4-0	5-3-1-1	W1
Toronto	63	27	27	4	5	164	193	63	14-11-3-4	13-16-1-1	5-1-2-2	L2
Atlanta	64	26	27	4	7	179	208	63	14-13-1-5	12-14-3-2	2-6-1-1	L1
Florida	63	26	30	3	4	160	173	59	12-12-3-3	14-18-0-1	3-6-1-0	L2
New Jersey	62	27	31	3	1	132	164	58	13-13-2-1	14-18-0-1	9-1-0-0	W1
NY Islanders	64	23	32	5	4	173	206	55	12-15-1-3	11-17-4-1	5-3-2-0	L4
Ottawa	63	21	33	5	4	143	201	51	11-17-2-3	10-16-3-1	4-5-0-1	L1

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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	63	39	15	4	5	208	150	87	22-6-1-4	17-9-3-1	5-5-0-0	L1
d-Detroit	63	39	18	4	2	213	183	84	17-10-3-1	22-8-1-1	7-3-0-0	W2
d-San Jose	63	36	21	4	2	178	162	78	15-10-2-1	21-11-2-1	9-1-0-0	W6
Phoenix	64	33	21	6	4	184	186	76	15-10-3-2	18-11-3-2	7-2-0-1	L3
Los Angeles	63	35	24	2	2	178	156	74	19-10-1-0	16-14-1-2	6-2-1-1	L1
Chicago	63	34	23	2	4	202	174	74	19-14-0-0	15-9-3-3	7-1-0-2	W5
Calgary	64	32	23	3	6	190	182	73	19-10-1-3	13-13-2-3	6-2-1-1	W1
Dallas	62	33	23	2	4	171	175	72	18-9-2-3	15-14-0-1	3-6-1-0	W2
Minnesota	63	33	24	1	5	165	166	72	16-13-0-3	17-11-1-2	5-4-0-1	L1
Nashville	63	32	23	5	3	161	151	72	15-7-4-3	17-16-1-0	4-5-1-0	W1
Anaheim	63	33	25	3	2	176	186	71	18-10-1-1	15-15-2-1	5-4-1-0	W1
Columbus	61	31	24	3	3	170	181	68	16-13-0-2	15-11-3-1	6-3-0-1	L1
St. Louis	62	28	25	4	5	173	180	65	18-10-1-3	10-15-3-2	4-5-0-1	L1
Colorado	63	26	30	7	0	183	217	59	14-15-4-0	12-15-3-0	1-8-1-0	L3
Edmonton	63	20	35	1	7	158	211	48	10-19-1-3	10-16-1-3	4-6-0-0	L2

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Last night's results
Montreal 3 Atlanta 1
Boston 1 Ottawa 0
Buffalo 3 N.Y. Rangers 2
Carolina 2 Florida 1
Washington 2 N.Y. Islanders 1 (OT)
Calgary at St. Louis
Dallas at Phoenix
Nashville at Edmonton
Columbus at Vancouver
Colorado at San Jose

Monday's results
Chicago 4 Minnesota 2
Detroit 7 Los Angeles 4

Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Chicago, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

CANADIENS 3, THRASHERS 1

First Period
1. Montreal, Pacioretty 12, 13:22
Penalties — Montreal bench (too many men; served by Pacioretty) 1:34, Stuart Atl (slashing) 4:54, Plekanec Mtl (interference) 9:18, Stewart Atl (cross-checking) 20:00.
Second Period
2. Montreal, Wisniewski 7 (Kostitsyn, Desharnais) 0:34 (pp)
Penalties — Montreal bench (too many men; served by Kostitsyn) 1:59, Price Mtl (delay of game; served by Pacioretty) 6:18, Enstrom Atl (hooking) 11:12, Kostitsyn Mtl (hooking) 11:42, Hainsey Atl (hooking) 17:44, Plekanec Mtl (tripping) 18:00, Byfuglien Atl (high-sticking) 19:00.
Third Period
3. Atlanta, Antropov 11 (Stewart) 14:14
4. Montreal, Gionta 23 (Gomez, Pacioretty) 19:14 (en)
Penalties — Plekanec Mtl (interference), Thorburn Atl (roughing) 0:21.

Shots on goal by

Montreal	5	8	10	—23
Atlanta	9	16	16	—41

Goal — Montreal: Price (W,29-21-6); Atlanta: Mason (L,8-9-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Montreal: 1-5; Atlanta: 0-5.
Referees — Dan O'Halloran, Kyle Rehman.
Linesmen — Bryan Pancich, Pierre Racicot.
Attendance — 11,156 (18,545) at Atlanta.

BRUINS 1, SENATORS 0

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Spezza Ott (tripping) 14:02.
Third Period
1. Boston, Horton 18 (Marchand, McQuaid) 1:43
Penalties — Campbell Bos (charging) 3:24, Condra Ott (hooking) 6:50, Marchand Bos (holding) 16:23.

Shots on goal by

Boston	6	9	6	—21
Ottawa	10	14	9	—33

Goal — Boston: Rask (W 9-11-1); Ottawa: Anderson (L,16-17-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Boston: 0-2; Ottawa: 0-2.
Referees — Rob Martell, Kelly Sutherland.
Linesmen — Lonnie Cameron, Brad Kovachik.
Attendance — 16,826 (19,153) at Ottawa.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	32	47	79
Stamkos, TB	41	37	78
St. Louis, TB	24	51	75
H.Sedin, Vcr	15	59	74
Zetterberg, Det	18	51	69
Perry, Ana	31	37	68
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Ovechkin, Wash	24	39	63
B.Richards, Dal	24	39	63
Kopitar, LA	20	42	62
Toews, Chi	23	38	61
E.Staal, Car	27	32	59
Sharp, Chi	33	25	58
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Eriksson, Dal	21	37	58
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Kesler, Vcr	33	24	57
Selanne, Ana	20	37	57
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Havlat, Minn	20	34	54
P.Kane, Chi	20	34	54
Yandle, Phx	10	44	54
Backstrom, Wash	15	38	53
Ryan, Ana	29	23	52
Tavares, NYI	23	29	52
Vanek, Buf	23	29	52
M.Richards, Pha	19	33	52
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Briere, Pha	28	23	51
Datsyuk, Det	19	32	51
Ribeiro, Dal	12	39	51

Not including last night's games

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Baltimore	2	0	1.000
Detroit	5	0	1.000
Seattle	2	0	1.000
L.A. Angels	3	1	.750
Boston	2	1	.667
Cleveland	2	1	.667
Kansas City	2	1	.667
Minnesota	1	2	.333
Oakland	1	2	.333
Texas	1	2	.333
N.Y. Yankees	1	3	.250
Tampa Bay	1	3	.250
Chicago W.Sox	0	2	.000
Toronto	0	4	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Colorado	3	0	1.000
Washington	2	0	1.000
Atlanta	2	1	.667
Milwaukee	2	1	.667
Pittsburgh	3	2	.600
San Francisco	3	2	.600
Cincinnati	2	2	.500
Florida	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	2	2	.500
St. Louis	1	1	.500
L.A. Dodgers	2	3	.400
Chicago Cubs	1	2	.333
N.Y. Mets	1	2	.333
Arizona	1	4	.200
Houston	0	2	.000
San Diego	0	2	.000

Yesterday's results
Detroit (ss) 6 Toronto 2
Atlanta 3 Houston 0
Baltimore 12 Tampa Bay 6
Boston 5 Minnesota 0
Chicago Cubs 3 San Francisco 2
Cincinnati (ss) 7 Oakland 6
Cleveland 2 L.A. Dodgers 1
Colorado 7 Arizona 4
Detroit (ss) 6 Philadelphia 2
Kansas City 4 San Diego 3
L.A. Angels 2 Cincinnati (ss) 1
Milwaukee 3 Chicago White Sox 1
Pittsburgh 2 N.Y. Yankees 0
Seattle 5 Texas 4
St. Louis 7 Florida 1
Washington 5 N.Y. Mets 3

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Chad Durbin on a one-year contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Vin Mazzaro and 1B Kila Ka'aihue on one-year contracts.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Announced the retirement of OF Garret Anderson.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Named Neil Kraetsch general counsel.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with RHP Cesar Lopez on a minor league contract.

CFL
HAMILTON TIGER-Cats—Released RB DeAndra' Cobb and LB Otis Floyd.

NHL
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Acquired RW Petr Kalus from Minnesota for future considerations.
DALLAS STARS—Signed D Brenden Dillon to a three-year contract.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled F Colin Greening, F Ryan Potulny and D Derek Smith from Binghamton (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned F Dane Byers to San Antonio (AHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Signed G Antti Niemi to a four-year contract extension.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled F Adam Cracknell from Peoria (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled G Todd Ford from Hershey (AHL).

TENNIS

WTA MONTERREY OPEN
At Monterrey, Mexico
Yesterday's results
Singles — First Round
Ksenia Pervak, Russia, def. Julia Goerges (4), Germany, 6-1, 7-5.
Anastasija Sevastova (5), Latvia, def. Laura Pous-Tio, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.
Sara Errani (6), Italy, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-2, 6-4.
Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que., def. Ximena Hermoso, Mexico, 6-2, 6-0.
Sybille Bammer, Austria, def. Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Romina Oprandi, Italy, 6-0, 4-6, 6-1.
Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, def. Zuzana Ondraskova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.
Melanie Oudin, U.S., def. Vania King, U.S., 6-4, 6-1.
Olga Govortsova, Belarus, def. Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-1.

WTA MALAYSIAN OPEN
At Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Singles— First Round
Yesterday's results
Marion Bartoli (2), France, def. Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, 6-0, 6-1.
Alisa Kleybanova (3), Russia, def. Lu Jing-Jing, China, 6-1, 6-1.
Jarmila Groth (4), Australia, def. Sun Shengnan, China, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
Anne Kremer, Luxembourg, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm (7), Japan, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Bojana Jovanovski (8), Serbia, def. Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, 6-0, 6-1.
Kurumi Nara, Japan, def. Elena Bovina, Russia, 6-3, 6-3.
Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, def. Tatjana Malek, Germany, 6-3, 6-2.
Misaki Doi, Japan, def. Tetiana Luzhanska, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-3.
Ekaterina Ivanova, Russia, def. Nina Bratchikova, Russia, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.
Dinara Safina, Russia, def. Han Xinyun, China, 6-2, 6-0.
Doubles — First Round
Alberta Brianti, Italy, and Zhang Shuai (2), China, def. Liu Wanting and Sun Shengnan, China, 0-6, 6-3, 10-8 (tiebreak).
Chang Kai-chen, Taiwan, and Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Jarmila Groth, Australia, and Lucie Safarova (3), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-3.
Noppawan Lertcheewakarn, Thailand, and Jessica Moore, Australia, def. Cagla Buyukakcay, Turkey, and Ksenia Palkina, Kyrgyzstan, 4-6, 6-1, 10-3 (tiebreak).

CRICKET

WORLD CUP

GROUP A

	MP	W	T	L	Pt
Australia	2	2	0	0	4
Pakistan	2	2	0	0	4
Sri Lanka	3	2	0	1	4
New Zealand	2	1	0	1	2
Zimbabwe	2	1	0	1	2
Canada	**2**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Kenya	3	0	0	3	0

GROUP B

	MP	W	T	L	Pt
England	2	1	1	0	3
India	2	1	1	0	3
South Africa	1	1	0	0	2
Bangladesh	2	1	0	1	2
West Indies	2	1	0	1	2
Ireland	1	0	0	1	0
Netherlands	2	0	0	2	0

Yesterday's result
At Colombo, Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka (146 for one) def. Kenya (142, all out) by nine wickets.
Monday's results
At New Delhi
West Indies (330-8) def. Netherlands (115, all out) by 215 runs.
At Nagpur, India
Zimbabwe (298 for nine) def. **Canada (123, all out)** by 175 runs.
Today's match
At Bangalore, India
England vs. Ireland

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	43	15	.741	—
d-Miami	43	17	.717	1
d-Chicago	41	17	.707	2
Orlando	39	22	.639	5½
Atlanta	36	24	.600	8
New York	30	28	.517	13
Philadelphia	30	30	.500	14
Indiana	27	32	.458	16½
Charlotte	26	33	.441	17½
Milwaukee	22	36	.379	21
Detroit	22	39	.361	22½
New Jersey	17	43	.283	27
Toronto	17	44	.279	27½
Washington	15	44	.254	28½
Cleveland	11	48	.186	32½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	49	10	.831	—
Dallas	44	16	.733	5½
d-L.A. Lakers	42	19	.689	8
d-Oklahoma City	36	22	.621	12½
Denver	35	26	.574	15
New Orleans	35	27	.565	15½
Portland	33	26	.559	16
Memphis	33	28	.541	17
Phoenix	31	27	.534	17½
Utah	32	29	.525	18
Houston	30	31	.492	20
Golden State	26	33	.441	23
L.A. Clippers	21	40	.344	29
Sacramento	15	43	.259	33½
Minnesota	14	46	.233	35½

d - division leaders ranked in top four positions per conference regardless of winning pct.

Last night's results
Toronto 96 New Orleans 90
Dallas 101 Philadelphia 93
Indiana 109 Golden State 100
Orlando 116 New York 110
San Antonio at Memphis
Detroit at Milwaukee
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota
Houston at Portland
Monday's results
Boston 107 Utah 102
Chicago 105 Washington 77
Denver 100 Atlanta 90
Phoenix 104 New Jersey 103 (OT)
Sacramento 105 L.A. Clippers 99
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Chicago at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

RAPTORS 96, HORNETS 90
NEW ORLEANS (90)
Ariza 3-9 2-2 10, West 7-17 5-6 19, Okafor 0-5 1-2 1, Paul 3-10 1-1 7, Green 2-7 0-0 4, Landry 8-10 1-2 17, Belinelli 5-14 0-0 13, Pondexter 0-0 0-0 0, Jack 7-9 2-2 17, Smith 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 36-82 12-15 90.
TORONTO (96)
J.Johnson 5-6 2-2 13, A.Johnson 3-10 2-3 8, Bargnani 6-16 2-2 14, Calderon 7-10 5-5 22, DeRozan 8-17 1-1 17, Davis 3-4 0-0 6, Weems 6-12 2-2 14, Barbosa 0-2 0-0 0, Bayless 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 39-79 14-15 96.

New Orleans	20	22	20	28	—90
Toronto	27	30	15	24	—96

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 6-13 (Belinelli 3-5, Ariza 2-4, Jack 1-1, West 0-1, Paul 0-2), Toronto 4-10 (Calderon 3-4, J.Johnson 1-1, DeRozan 0-1, Bayless 0-1, Bargnani 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 43 (West 10), Toronto 47 (A.Johnson 10). Assists—New Orleans 17 (Paul 5), Toronto 29 (Calderon 16). Total Fouls—New Orleans 22, Toronto 17. Technicals—New Orleans defensive three second 2, Toronto defensive three second. A—14,704 (19,800) at Toronto.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, Okla	54	510	424	1539	28.5
James, Mia	58	530	388	1520	26.2
Stoudemire, NY	56	549	343	1450	25.9
Wade, Mia	56	512	359	1430	25.5

Not including last night's games

SOCCER

ENGLAND

FA CUP
FIFTH ROUND
Yesterday's result
Everton 0 Reading 1

PREMIER LEAGUE
Chelsea 2 Manchester United 1

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
Derby 1 Doncaster 3
Middlesbrough 1 Nottingham Forest 1
Portsmouth 2 Scunthorpe 0

LEAGUE ONE
Brentford 1 Notts County 1
Bristol Rovers 0 Colchester 1
Charlton 1 Carlisle 3
Exeter 1 Tranmere 1
Hartlepool 0 Huddersfield 1
Walsall 1 Southampton 0
Yeovil 0 Brighton 1

LEAGUE TWO
Aldershot 1 Gillingham 1
Cheltenham 2 Stockport 1
Chesterfield 4 Wycombe 1
Lincoln City 3 Oxford 1
Northampton 2 Burton Albion 3
Shrewsbury 0 Bury 3
Torquay 1 Rotherham 1

GERMANY

GERMAN CUP
SEMIFINALS
Yesterday's result
Duisburg 2 Energie Cottbus 1

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE
Yesterday's results
Hamilton 1 Hibernian 2
Inverness 0 Dundee United 2

FIRST DIVISION
Cowdenbeath 2 Queen of the South 2
Morton 0 Falkirk 0
Stirling 0 Ross County 0

SECOND DIVISION
Brechin 3 Dumbarton 3
East Fife 3 Peterhead 1
Livingston 3 Forfar 0
Stenhousemuir 3 Ayr 1

THIRD DIVISION
Annan Athletic 1 Berwick 1
Stranraer 3 Clyde 1

SPAIN

LA LIGA
Yesterday's results
Espanyol 1 Mallorca 2
Sevilla 3 Sporting Gijon 0

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	10	8	2	.800	117	91	—
Boston	9	6	3	.667	99	81	1½
Buffalo	7	4	3	.571	78	67	2½
Rochester	9	5	4	.556	85	96	2½
Philadelphia	9	4	5	.444	82	97	3½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	8	5	3	.625	91	89	—
Minnesota	8	4	4	.500	80	74	1
Washington	9	4	5	.444	115	108	1½
Edmonton	9	2	7	.222	93	110	3½
Colorado	8	1	7	.125	70	94	4

WEEK NINE
All times Eastern
Friday's games
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Calgary at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Rochester at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
Buffalo at Boston, 5 p.m.

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Like a Regal

The 2011 Regal is already making waves, but its $33,400 base price nudges up against that of the larger LaCrosse.

This is where the Verano comes in since it will likely enter the market in the $28,000 range, including destination charges.

It will be as well equipped as the loaded Regal, at least for its base price, but the Verano's Chevrolet-Cruze-based platform and basic body structure is actually closer in size to the Regal than you might think.

Ground-breaking

Stylistically, the Verano and the Regal share the same shape and are adorned with similar grilles, but the Verano's seem proportionally larger. The neatly contoured fenders allow very little fender-to-tire gap, which hints at a sporty side.

The cabin is pure luxury, however. Although base models will come with leatherette (vinyl) and cloth seats, premium models will feature plenty of wood trim and plumped-up leather-covered seat cushions. For any compact car, and not just a Buick small car, this is ground breaking.

Engine

The Verano comes with a standard 177-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine (also standard in both Regal and LaCrosse) that's mated to a six-speed automatic transmission.

An optional 220-horsepower turbocharged unit — also optional in the Regal — will eventually migrate to the Verano lineup.

▶ The Verano blends small size and luxury, which is a relatively new thing for North American automakers. But when you think about it, it makes perfect sense to sell well-equipped small cars.

An unlikely brand shows the way for small cars

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What does vehicle size have to do with luxury? Not much anymore.

Traditionally, compact models have been aimed at buyers seeking affordable wheels that stretched their fuel dollars to the max.

"Affordable" means limited features, of course.

However, that tradition is rapidly disappearing as vehicles, such as the upcoming 2012 Buick Verano, emerge to redefine and challenge the small-equals-cheap belief.

A Buick, redefining and challenging? You read it here first.

Upwardly creeping gasoline prices combined with pending government-legislated fuel-economy standards are changing the way North Americans think about small cars: they're beginning to actually need them.

As a result, automobiles sold in North America are starting to shrink, and engines are shrinking right along with them.

This fall's arrival of the Verano constitutes a major step in a new direction for Buick, but one that General Motors' up-level division seems fully prepared for, despite a history of large, pillowy driving sedans.

It's unlikely that the Verano's arrival will cause BMW or Audi much concern, but it might lure buyers considering a loaded-up Honda Accord or Toyota Camry to seriously consider a Buick, which would have been virtually unheard of five years ago.

▶ If you think of the evolution from the Chevrolet Cobalt to the Cruze to the Buick Verano, this interior shows amazing progress in a few short years.

▶ The only real trade-off between the Verano and a larger car, such as the LaCrosse, is size, but not as much as you might think.

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Buick hasn't yet released a full accounting of trim and content levels for the Verano, but standard items will include dual-zone climate control and 10 standard airbags.

Verano

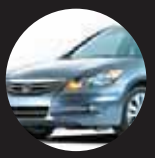
What you should know about the 2012 Buick Verano.

- **Type:** Four-door entry-luxury compact sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (177).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed automatic.
- **Market Position:** The luxury-compact-sedan segment is relatively new, at least for domestic automakers. It's driven by an increasing need for better fuel economy while still providing plenty of accoutrement. Is this the future of luxury?
- **Points:** Available state-of-the-art audio/communications system appeals to younger buyers.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.3/6.3 (est.)

5 drive

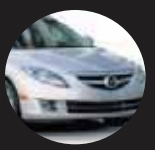
By comparison

Honda Accord EX sedan
Base price: $29,000
Popular sedan is strong on comfort, fuel economy and driving enjoyment.



Hyundai Sonata Limited
Base price: $30,600
All-new model is sharp-looking, roomy and offers impressive fuel economy.

Mazda6 GT-I4
Base price: $30,300
A sporty sedan that looks and acts the part. Family-size trunk a plus.



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ALFA FLEXES EXOTIC MUSCLES IN GENEVA

Auto Pilot

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The Geneva Auto Show is one of the most anticipated events on the automotive calendar. It blows the CAA's Care Car Month right out of the water.

But the show is always hard on North American auto enthusiasts, populated as it is, with so much lovely forbidden European fruit.

Possibly the worst offender was Alfa Romeo, with its sublime 8C Competizione. Only 1,000 examples were built during 2007 and 2008 and it might be one of the most beautiful GT cars ever built. The spider version isn't too shabby either.

At Geneva this week, Alfa unveiled a successor to that 8C "halo" car — the Alfa Romeo 4C — and noted the vehicle will lead Alfa "back into markets such as the U.S., where we are not present today."

HANDOUT

▶ This European beauty, the Alfa Romeo 4C, may come to North America soon.

So not only is there a beautiful new Alfa sports car to behold, but it looks like it will come to North America.

The industry suspected that Alfa might return ever since Alfa's parent company, Fiat, took over Chrysler. Fiat chief, Sergio Marchionne, hinted that future Alfa models might be built on world platforms that also underpin Chrysler and Dodge models.

Not sure that's in the spirit of Alfa Romeo, one of Europe's most storied sporting marques.

But the 4C at least is "all Alfa." The rear-drive two-seater closely follows the 8C's exotic formula. The chassis supports a body crafted completely from carbon fibre. The rear frame and "crash box" sections utilize a lot of aluminum.

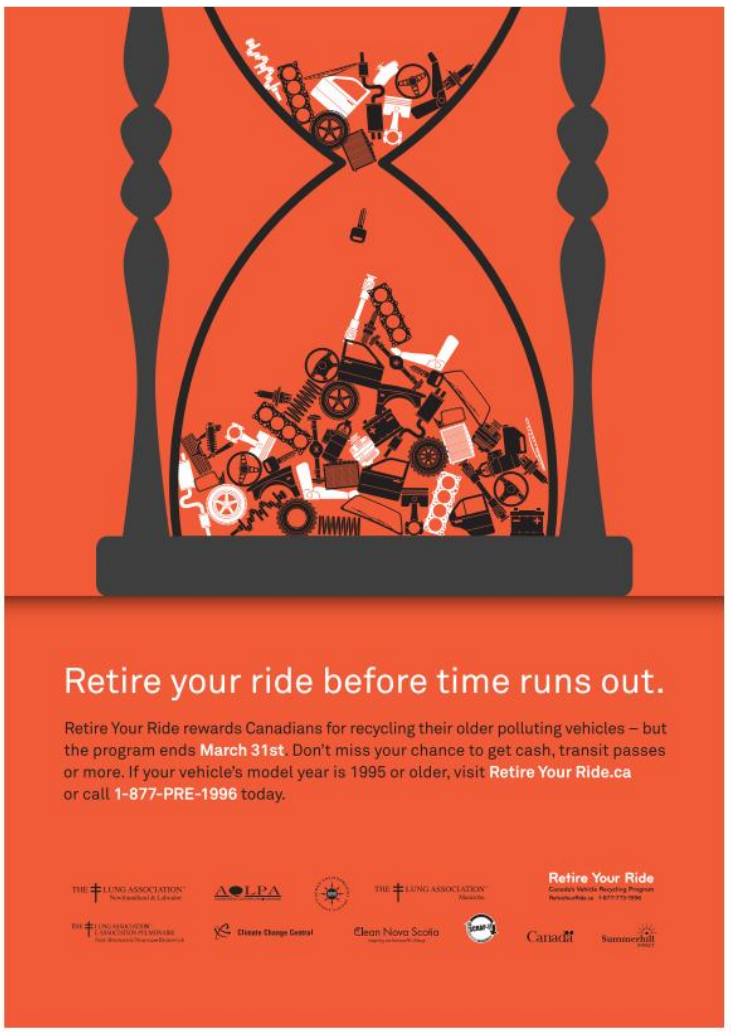
Its 200-hp 1.75-litre four cylinder engine features direct injection and turbocharging, and is positioned "centrally" in the rear of the vehicle.

Net result: very low weight (less than 850 kg) and a very low centre of gravity.

And the net result of that will certainly be deft handling and lots of get up and go (an estimated top speed of 250 km/h top speed, and an estimated zero to 100 km/h acceleration run in under five seconds). While technically still a "concept," Alfa made it clear that the 4C "is not simply an exercise in style created for the Motor Show; it will be on sale in 2012 and is set to reinforce Alfa Romeo's global growth."

An interesting subplot with Alfa these days is that VW has publicly stated it would like to purchase Alfa. VW's chairman, Ferdinand Piech, even went as far to say that the VW group, Europe's largest car maker, would be able to quadruple Alfa's current annual sales performance (which has been terrible for a while now).

Speaking at an industry conference last month, Marchionne said, "As long as I am CEO of Chrysler and Fiat, Mr. Piech will never have Alfa Romeo."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Inflate your tires properly to stay safe and save money

Make sure you practice proper tire inflation techniques or you could find yourself calling a tow truck or, much worse, an ambulance.

Since the air pressure in tires supports 95 per cent of the weight of your car, it's absolutely imperative that you inflate your tires to just the right pressure, especially in winter when tires lose their pressure faster in colder weather. Under-inflating or over-inflating your tires increases your fuel consumption and therefore your costs, and increases the risk of damage and injury to you, your passengers and your vehicle.

Follow these tips from Transport Canada for maintaining proper winter tire pressure.

- Measure your tire pressure at least once a month.
- Measure the pressure when the tires are cold (after two hours or two kilometres of driving). Tires lose pressure when the air temperature gets colder — about one pound per square inch (seven kilopascals) for every 5 C drop in temperature. Tires may also lose a certain amount of pressure due to their permeability (about two PSI or 14 kPa per month).
- Inflate your tires to the recommended pressures printed on the label inside your car door or in your owner's manual.
- Use a high quality pressure gauge such as those sold at automotive supply stores.
- Under-inflation increases rolling resistance, which reduces tread life and increases fuel consumption. It can also lead to sudden tire failure. Without enough air, the sides of a tire bend and flex too much. This builds up heat, which can cause serious damage.
- Operating a vehicle with just one tire underinflated by eight psi (56 kPA) can reduce the life of the tire by 15,000 kilometres and can increase the vehicle's fuel consumption by four per cent.
- Over-inflation can be a problem, too. An over-inflated tire rides on just the centre portion of the tread. The smaller contact area means reduced grip on the road, leading to a harsh ride, handling issues (such as steering and stopping problems) and increased wear on tires and suspension components.

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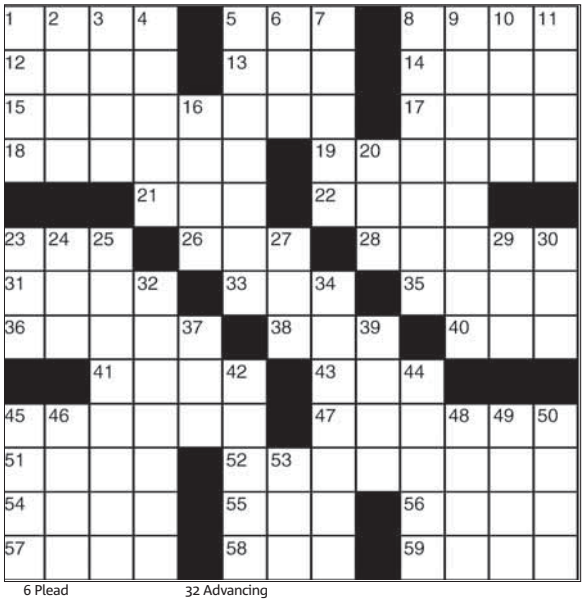

Across

1 Seeks answers
5 Couric's network
8 "Zounds!"
12 Beehive State
13 Chop
14 Unchanged
15 Bogart-Bacall movie
17 Animal's stomach
18 Swimsuit brand
19 Red-orange fish
21 Skillet
22 Old fogy
23 Actress Zadora
26 Edge
28 Card-game rule-book
31 Frizzy coiffure
33 Taxi
35 Insult
36 Highway warnings
38 Go down slightly
40 Early bird?
41 Hasn't paid yet
43 "Great!"
45 Rent payer
47 Sedative
51 Winged
52 Snail, on a French menu
54 Tennyson poem
55 Alias abbr.
56 Gator's kin
57 Picnic invaders
58 Wire measure
59 "Thirty days — ..."

Down

1 Diving birds
2 Staircase component
3 Comic Danny
4 Drag (Var.)
5 Habitual
6 Plead
7 Scabbard contents
8 Portuguese pre-euro money
9 Ugly-faced water-spout
10 Asian nursemaid
11 Moist in the morn
16 Hebrew month
20 "— -la-la!"
23 Joad and Kettle
24 "— Were King"
25 Any of Jason's crew
27 Frenzied
29 Haul
30 Work unit
32 Advancing
34 Lens created by Ben Franklin
37 D.C. VIP
39 Hemingway nick-name
42 Fulton's power source
44 Canoe material
45 Author Janowitz
46 Verve
48 Taj Mahal city
49 Tugboat noise
50 Engrave, in a way
53 Schuss

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

			2	6				7
9						5	3	1
		5					6	
			5	4				9
	5		1		8		4	
6				2	7			
	3					1		
7	9	4						8
1				7	3			

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

8	4	6	9	7	2	1	3	5
9	1	2	3	4	5	7	6	8
3	7	5	8	6	1	9	2	4
6	5	7	2	3	4	8	1	9
4	3	9	6	1	8	5	7	2
2	8	1	5	9	7	3	4	6
1	2	8	7	5	6	4	9	3
7	6	3	4	8	9	2	5	1
5	9	4	1	2	3	6	8	7

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Take care not to fall out with someone in a position of authority today. By all means, stick up for yourself and protect your interests but don't make enemies of powerful people.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Don't try so hard. The more you attempt to get ahead of the curve, the more likely it is you'll make a silly mistake. You don't have to prove yourself.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you allow yourself to fear the worst today, it could work against you by making you too cautious about a financial matter that requires an immediate and decisive response. Nothing is ever as bad as it seems. You know that.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You may be none too happy with what's been going on in your life, but what are you going to do about it? It's time to give some serious thought to what changes need to be made.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You may be right to be skeptical about what you've been told but don't take it to extremes and believe that everyone is out to deceive you. If someone offers to help, chances are they are just being friendly.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Don't commit to anything you have not checked out, even if a friend tells you there is nothing to worry about. That may be true for him or her but can you be sure it is true for you?

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you jump to conclusions today, you may find out later that you got it totally wrong. Give loved ones the benefit of the doubt even if you suspect they are not being entirely truthful.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 This is one of those days when you will feel happier, and achieve more by following the path of least resistance. Don't worry too much about your long-term plans. All roads lead to your ultimate goal.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Try not to attach too much importance to what your five senses tell. There is a chance they will lead you astray. That applies especially to money issues.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 No matter how strong your opponent is, you can beat him or her if you use brains as well as brawn. What is his or her weak point? Make that your target, and hammer at it.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Your ability to express yourself may be restricted but that does not stop you from thinking. When you do get a chance to get your point across, no one will doubt that you know what you are talking about.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Anyone who tries to give you advice will be left in no doubt that you don't need it. All well and good, but don't bite his or her head off. No need to be so intense. SALLY BROMPTON

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